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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND SENATOR AIKEN (t)

LBJ George?
GA Yes...Lyndon...
LBJ Now...I want to talk to you in confidence..about something...
GA Can't hear very good..but I'll try..
LBJ Where are you....Vermont?
GA I'm in Vermont..
LBJ I want to talk to you in confidence about something, George...just...tell you what my problem is..
GA All right...
LBJ We've got a Governor that we've been kind of thinking of sending to the Independence Day celebration at Zanzibar..
GA At Zanzibar?
LBJ Yes....
GA Hell of a ways offf.....
LBJ Sure is..but we've got to have somebody to go and it has got to be someone of rank of a Governor..now..I was thinking that I'd ask this fellow Hobbs up in your State to go...and then I got to thinking that maybe I'd better to talk to you about it ...if you had any strong feeling in the matter/?
GA No...he'd make a good appearance...when does he have to go?
LBJ The 9th..
GA Tonight?
LBJ No...the ninth---n-i-n-t-h...
GA The 9th...has to...
LBJ Has to be THERE the 9th...
GA I see..I ...
LBJ I havenlt called him but I wanted to call him but I didn't want to without consulting you and I thought when I did talk to him I'd just tell him I had talked to you because you were kind of my Daddy down here and I didn't want to do anything without talking to you and you said he'd make a good men..
GA Well..I think he would. He would make a good appearance..and do all right for you there...
LBJ You're mighty fine..George...and I'm sure glad I've got a friend like you...
GA You just go ahead..I like Bill..but I do have to correct him once in a while...
LBJ Laughter...well, George..you have to do that to all of us..
GA Yes..I do...
LBJ I'm mighty glad I've got a friend like you, though..
GA Well...anytime...I wire you ...whenever you need me....I'll be around..
LBJ I know that...Goodbye.
GA Bye.

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LBJ Did he ever finish up Mary Margaret's?

JK Yes...all except painting the place..he told me...and we'll doublecheck..

LBJ He said he had to get something..get something from Paul Taft..some equipment..

JK A receiver from Paul..and I understood that they had gotten that, sir...

LBJ No..I didn't think so.

JK Well, I'll double check him on that.

LBJ See that he goes and gets a turn-key job..

JK All right..I'll do that.

LBJ Got it in the Johnson City House, all right?

JK Yes sir.. yes sir. we haven't completed installation there but ~~it~~ it has to be done in the stages of painting...

LBJ We ought to have it out in the tree too..couple of them out there.

JK All right

LBJ Backyard..any other news..

JK No sir. Believe that's all I can think of right now.

LBJ Don is here..do you want to say anything to him?

JK Yes..I do..please.

LBJ I wanted to tell you about Erhardt primarily so that we could get ready ..how is Dale doing? ....27th...

JK When does it look like you'll be down..

LBJ I might be there the 14th?!!!

JK That'll be wonderful.

LBJ Here's Don Thomas..

JK Thomas...

DT Yes...

JK Damned..where have you been?

DT All around..

JK All around..anything I can do here for your family while you're gone.

DT No..I think not.. We'll be in tonight about 11:30, I think.

JK All right. Has A.W. got a car?

DT Yes. his car is at the airport..and I think I have one..

JK Tell A.W. that his wife has got Larry Winsome of the Boston Globe with three or four people out at his house at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. and I'll have the fellow from the Farm Journal ..that we've arranged for him to meet if he will...at the ranch or at his place...about 2:30 or ~~[illegible]~~. 3:00 where he can strap both of them up at one time maybe..

JK And I had something else I wanted to ask you but I guess it will wait..

DT Anything going on there locally?

JK Awfully quiet, Don. People are still numb..terribly impressed by events of the last few days..as you know..but did you get to see any of the game Thursday..

DT Not a minute...

JK Damned it was sensational, Don..

DT Must have been.

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DT Just a minute...just aminute...

LBJ Jesse...run one of your telephone Woody polls on Jake and Dobbs.. put about 100 calls..keep the secretaries busy for about a day or so..

JK All right, sir..all right.

LBJ Get about 4 of them per outfit and be sure that about 15 of them are out East of Austin...

JK All right, sir.

LBJ East of Austin.

JK Tell Don if you will, sir..that I talked to Morrel yesterday and Morrell says that Holmes Theatres ..going public and maybe buying Midwest Video.. was talking in circles as only Morrell can...as soon as Don gets back I want him to get on that and see what they're finigling with there..Morrell tried to make a run at me on some for the power lease and I blew all fuses..told him that I didn't think that he'd had sense enough to ask.. he's promised to get that squared away for sure..the thing that disturbed me in talking with Morrell more than anything else..was his statement that Mr. Moses had turned things over to him..Mr. Moses is not feeling well.. I take it he's sick..he said no...but he's cutting down on his work in the law firm and got a lot of workload and turned it over to me as Executive Pres. so tell Don I sure want to get on that first thing Monday..

LBJ Bird wants to give up her option..I told her she's crazy..

JK Can't afford to give up that option...we might sell or transfer...I discussed that with Don and A. W. a little bit..but we don't want to give it up..sure don't..I wouldn't mind selling it to A. W. and Melvin or Melvin and Earnest.. but I sure don't want to give it up..sir...

LBJ OK

JK Thank you..

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Re: Telephone Conversation between the President and Senator Aiken, 11/30/63, 2:15 p.m.

While working on preservation of the dictabelts, the archives staff observed the following inaccuracies in the transcript:

On page 1, the transcript reads:

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> LBJ: "I was thinking that I'd ask this fellow **Hoff** up in your State to go..."

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